

REMARKS

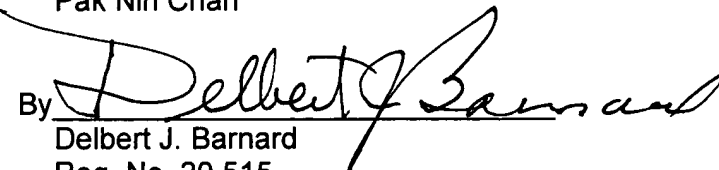
Applicant has responded to the restriction requirement by electing the method claims 1 – 14 of group I. The group II apparatus claims 15 – 20 and the group III product claims 21 – 24 remain in the application but are withdrawn from further consideration because they are directed to non-elected inventions.

Applicant submits that claims 1 – 14 are patentable over the known prior art. Accordingly, early reconsideration of this application and allowance of claims 1 – 14 are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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